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Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders

October 16, 2006; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Riley Room, Department of Education

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Gary Collings, Naomi Swiezy, Loui Lord Nelson, Susan Pieples, Cathy Pratt, Sheila Wolfe, Liz Freeman-Floyd, Ann Schnepf, Bob Marra

Guests: Teresa Grossi, Nancy Zemaitis, Jonathan Kraeszig, Scott Minier, Nina Brahm

1. Announcements:

Naomi Swiezy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Path Process which was used later during the meeting.

2. Transition to post-secondary settings/the 290 Group/Vocational Rehabilitation

Teresa Grossi and Nancy Zemaitis provided information about the 290 Group and what their Task Force has accomplished. Jonathan Kraeszig gave updates on VR's training focus for providers and schools across the state to encourage a more seamless transition. The handout provided by Nancy and Teresa will be posted on the Task Force's website.

3. DOE's Legislative Focus and The Task Force's Role:

Scott Minier provided an overview of the State's focus and the DOE's focus for the upcoming legislative session. Scott encouraged the group to stay in touch with him during the legislative session and to let him know of any information we hear on education issues.

4. De-Brief

Loui Lord Nelson will take information from the meeting and categorize it according to the four principles just as the group has done in the past. The group will review her document prior to the November meeting.

5. The Path Process

Loui Lord Nelson led the group through the first two components of the Path Process.

6. Article 7 Discussion: Training

Nina Brahm provided the group with an update on the work done by the Rule 26 Committee specific to questions the group had posed in August. Bob asked the group to consider the types of training and guidelines we'd like to suggest for Article 7. He is interested in hearing what kind of training topics need to be presented rather than guidelines for training. These insights need to get to him by spring.

7. Wrap-up and Next Steps

Shawn Shriver will be asked to provide the group with information about Professional Licensure. The group will also complete the Path Process.